

the recent death of Maj. Miller of the Marine Corps

The charge will be promulgated early next week. The debate in the House to-day widened the breach between the Republicans and Fuller men. A host of Republican supporters have privately declared unwillingness to vote in the next day's session, they say, relying in the hope of dividing and securing a majority vote on some other gentleman as a compromise. By named.

**CELEBRATION OF THE LANDING OF THE PILGRIM FATHERS.**  
 PLIMMOUTH, Friday, Dec. 21, 1893.  
 The resident population with several hundred persons from abroad, have to-day celebrated the Anniversary of the Landing of the Pilgrims. The exercises were held in the Unitarian Church, and consisted of a sermon by the Rev. Mr. W. H. Sewall, and a collection for the Pilgrimage Fund, singing an original ode, and an oration by the Rev. Mr. Wm. H. Sewall of New-York. The oration

talk about it now and a half, and was listened to with marked attention. A public dinner followed the exercises in the church, at which speeches were made and sentiments given. The celebration was with a ball this evening.

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**PROHIBITORY LIQUOR LAW SUSTAINED.**  
ALBANY, Friday, Dec. 21, 1855.  
The Supreme Court of the Seventh Judicial District, made a decision sustaining the constitutionality of the Prohibitory Liquor Law, as far as brought to them. This decision overrules the decision of the Parker, on the fifth section of the law, on both sides. Prosecutions under the law will be commenced in Rochester immediately.

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**WRECK AND LOSS OF THE CREW.**  
BOSTON Evening, Dec. 21, 1855.

John, N. B., papers of the 13th inst. state that British schooner Margaret, from Montreal, N. S., Portland, captured in the Bay of Fundy, and all aboard except Capt. Campbell, the master, were lost.

DESTRUCTION OF A COTTON FACTORY.  
BALTIMORE, Friday, Dec. 21, 1855.  
The De Kalb cotton-factory, near Camden, South Carolina, was destroyed by fire on Sunday last. Loss estimated at \$500,000.

THE AMERICA OUTWARD BOUND.  
BALTIMORE, Friday, Dec. 21, 1855.  
The steamship America arrived here from Boston at 10 o'clock this morning, and left again at 7 for Liverpool. She had a rough passage up against a strong wind.

LATER FROM RIO JANEIRO.  
BALTIMORE, Friday, Dec. 21, 1855.

On the 15th of November,  
 arrived at Rio Nov. 5, barks Hazard, from New Orleans;  
 arrived from Pernambuco; 7th, barks Baltimore, from Balt-  
 more; 8th, barks New York, from New York; 9th, bark  
 from Kent from 10th, bark De-warsen, from Sag-  
 uay; 11th, bark from Bahia; 12th, ship Versailles, from Bal-  
 timore;  
 arrived from Rio Nov. 3, ship Rother, from New-Orleans; 4th,  
 bark, for Baltimore; 5th, bark, for Philadelphia; 7th,  
 bark, for New York; 8th, bark, for New York; 9th,  
 10th and 11th, barks Baltimore, for Hampton Roads; and  
 on, from Philadelphia.  
 On the 16th of November, arrived from Rio Nov. 9, bark  
 ship 10th, leaky and had to discharge her cargo.  
 The ship Danaboe from Rio, arrived at this port to-  
 day.  
 The ship Sarah Parker, Gardner, from New-  
 York for San Francisco, has but time in there is a leaking  
 in the hold.

**MARINE DISASTER.**  
 PHILADELPHIA, Friday, Dec. 21, 1855.  
 The Atlantic City coast-survey schooner "James  
 M. Smith," on New-York for Charleston, sprang a  
 leak, and is expected to be lost.

UNITED STATES SUPREME COURT.  
WASHINGTON, Friday, Dec. 31, 1885.  
No. 30. Remond v. Jones (Colman).  
To the Supreme Court of Indiana. Judge Campbell delivered the opinion of the Court dismissing the writ of error, the decision of the Supreme Court of Indiana not being the final decree.  
16—Jesse H. Smith, owner of the ship Valente, of the State of Maryland, Judge Curtis delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the judgment of the Circuit Court with costs.  
17—John G. Graham vs. Alexander Haynes. To the Circuit Court of Indiana. Judge Fisher delivered the opinion of the Court, reversing the judgment of said Circuit Court, with costs, remanding the writ with directions to award venire facias de novo.  
18—Nehemiah Carriageway vs. Hriz Ann C. L. B. Part, claimant. Appeal from the Circuit Court of Indiana. No. 10,000. Chief Justice Peck delivered the opinion of the Court, affirming the decree of said Circuit Court.

part in the matter of William Wells, &c., an  
or for tabern corpus. Wells was several years  
convicted of murder in this city and sentenced to  
death, but President Fillmore commuted the sent-  
ence to imprisonment for life. The ground of pre-  
sident's commut is that the enforcing power of the  
sentence is absolute, and therefore the condition is  
hence Wells should be discharged.

95.—The United States use Jas. Mackay et al.  
Edward S. Cox. Argument was continued by  
counsel for the defendant.

**Markets.**

BALTIMORE, Dec. 23.—COTTON.—The sales of the week ad-  
vance. Prices have advanced a q. over those current  
of the same news. We quote good middling at 9 1/2  
and the best at 9 3/4. Demand is moderate. Stock  
is 35,500 bales. RICE unchanged. CORN do nothing; sales  
few. PRICES unchanged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—COTTON market is unchanged;  
at 5 1/2 bales. SUGAR better, fair, 7 1/2. WHISKY, 3 1/2.  
FLOUR, 7 1/2. Exchange on New York at sight, 49

THE CASE OF W. W. VALK, M. C.

Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.

Sir: Noticing a letter in the newspapers addressed to "American People," and signed by our Representative in Congress Wm. W. Valk, I cannot but have humbled I, with very many of the voters of this District, felt that we should have our own voice man who would so soon desert us. Before his name was distinctly pledged himself opposed to the *as-Nebraska bill*, and as distinctly stated that he resided in favor of the restoration of the *Misfranchisement*, and said that if a question in Congress he would vote for the *Restoration*. In Mr. Banks we have the embodiment of that principle. What more can Mr. Valk wish? Two of his constituents are unalterably opposed to Nebraska bill, but he turns his back upon them and casts his vote in aid of a measure of such policy, as we know is North and are laboring to at-

to have our eyes opened thus early in the season.  
Your obedient servant,  
21, 1255. **ONE WHO VOTED FOR WALK.**

**ARTICLE THAT CAUSED THE STREET FIGHT.**

Following is the article in *The Washington Star*, Tuesday, for which Ex-Gov. Smith placed into Mr. Wallace, in the street yesterday, as in our telegraphic correspondence:

“**S. SMITH OF VA.**—We take the following from *The Century*: a report of the day before yesterday's proceedings in the House:

“Mr. Smith then entered upon a personal explanation. He said he had been elected to Congress as a Democrat, was a member of the House, and had not been elected to the Ku-Klux-Klan. He said he was refused to denounce that Order. He had not been elected to the House, and he was not elected for Mr. Wain for Governor on personal grounds, and he

the history of his last election to Congress, and now light on it. Thus, he was it to the Know-nothing party of the District; as, had he received the Democratic votes that were given to him, he would have been beaten by his competitor, Mr. Burleigh, an anti-Know Nothing Whig, who was without a party. That is, his aggregate vote would have fallen far short of what it was. He was the Know-nothing candidate, if being voted for by that party meant unanimity can justify entitle a gentleman to speculation. On the night before the election, in coming from the Democratic meeting, he was surrounded by a throng of his admirers, who were all of them, wherein Mr. Smith was spoken of who addressed it as having abandoned his political associations and placed his cause and his for the future in the keeping of the Know-nothing party. He was earnestly addressing a large number of his admirers in the hall, and the crowd were about equally divided between Sam, and Smith, as being "one and inseparable, and forever."

of his appeals to that meeting on that memorable  
and its responses, that he was not derided to  
Nothingism, and nothing else. That our in-  
formation was shared by our fellow-citizens of that  
part of his district, is manifest in the fact that out